

Today

Painted Clown and Girl.  
Ancient Baku, of the Oil.  
Four Things Women Do  
Well.

By ARTHUR BRISBANE.

Dr. Margaret Sullivan tells members of the Y. W. C. A.: "Girls of today do up their faces like circus clowns." Not accurate. The circus clown with bright red spot on each cheek and one on his nose is amusing. The girl of sixteen, boldly painted, is depressing. You see in her a child without a real mother.

The same woman denounces modern dancing: "Those dances are the East African sex dances, dances of cannibals. They kill all modesty."

Not quite ALL modesty. Zola said truly: "Every man has in him a hog, slumbering."

Occasionally the hog grunts. Occasionally it eats and drinks too much. Occasionally when young it cavorts in foolish dancing, whisking its little hind legs. But there is no serious harm in it. It must do something, and it cannot think, it is quiet and fat enough later.

One ship carrying extremists, including Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman, who tried to murder Mr. Frick, is reported near the Kiel canal.

There was anxiety about landing room for the exiled. News that Lenin's armies, victorious, now menace Persia after capturing Caspian ports, may solve that problem.

If the enemies of Bolshevism continue running away, Lenin will have plenty of room for all the "reds" we can send.

Lenine's armies now attack Baku, the town sticking out into the Caspian at the end of the peninsula of Apsheron. There they will view ancient palaces of the Khans, four hundred years old; mosques of Persian rulers a thousand years old; Arabic relics still older.

But Lenine is after something older than Tartar, Persian or Arabic remains. He is after the Baku oil wells, put away under ground millions of years before any kind of human beings lived; oil upon which the glorious rulers of the earth largely depend in their game of exterminating each other.

Government census lists a woman, Anna Frater, colored, as 115 years old. She mentions that she was sold as a slave fifteen times, raised fifty-two white children, ran away from three masters, was caught each time. All the while she was busy sewing, explaining that she had no time to waste. One hundred and fifteen is old, but time does not count.

Charlotte Corday lived more than one hundred and fifteen years in the few seconds it took her to walk into the bathroom of Marat, "revolutionary tyrant," and to stab him to death.

Dora Kaplan, young Jewess of Petrograd, probably lived years in the time that it took her to shoot and wound Lenine, boss of Russia.

And many years of life were squeezed into a few minutes by Miss Joanna Mackie, of the Observatory at Cambridge. She has discovered a new star in the Milky Way.

It is a star too faint to be seen by the eye, unaided, but greater, probably, than the sun that lights our little corner of space. It will be measured, weighed; the spectroscopic will tell what elements it contains, whether it is going or coming. And serious Miss Joanna has the satisfaction of knowing that this little earth airship, saw and catalogued the "new" sun that has traveled through billions of years.

Three things—no, four—women can do better than men.

They are better singers, better actors, better students of the heavens, and, infinitely more, they are mothers of the race. They contribute at least seven-eighths of its value to the human family.

Being so much better mothers than anything else, even as singers, dancers or astronomers, they should concentrate on motherhood.

Which would you rather be, the genius that painted the Sistine Chapel, or the mother of Michael Angelo? The mother, of course! The CREATOR is GREATER than the thing created.

Mr. Houtman, fifty, retired from the Barber Steamship Company. Mr. Barber gave Mr. Houtman a present, a check for \$500,000. Mr. Houtman goes South, he THINKS, to devote the rest of his life to playing golf.

When he arrives at Augusta and finds that they have cotton worth \$40,000,000 in town, when he gets to Atlanta, and sees the miracle city of the South, he will forget about knocking a little white ball over dry grass, and begin investing and spending his \$500,000.

Americans CAN'T stop a fortunate thing for America. They do not live so long; but they live more, do more, and the country gets the benefit. That being the case, dying earlier is unimportant. Not how long, but how much do you live.

## WEATHER:

Main this afternoon and tonight; Saturday colder. Temperature at 8 a. m. 35 degrees.

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# Leading Democrats Confer with William J. Bryan to Heal the Breach on Treaty

## D.C. COMMISSIONERS URGE STREET CAR MERGER

### Wan Is Found Guilty of Slaying Ben Sen Wu, Member of the Chinese Mission

#### U.S. MAY VOTE SOON ON PEACE

Party Leaders Consider Referendum on Issue Before Election.

#### SEEK PRESIDENT'S VIEWS

Drive Begun to Patch Up Split Between Wilson and Nebraskan.

Democratic leaders today started a great drive to patch up differences of opinion between the two leaders, President Wilson and William Jennings Bryan.

Despite the fact that Mr. Bryan was speaking until near 3 o'clock this morning, he was called out early today for a conference with members of the Democratic national committee. Homer Cummings, chairman of the committee, and other members were present, and they went into a prolonged conference in an attempt to settle upon a definite program that would not find President Wilson and Bryan at odds.

Early Referendum Planned. Steps may be taken to bring the treaty issue to the people before the Presidential campaign, it was learned at the White House today. It is understood that Democratic leaders, fearing a clash in their own party, are now working out a plan which will be submitted to the President, whereby a referendum on the treaty may be taken within a short time. It was stated at the White House that such a plan might be deemed advisable.

It was admitted that Mr. Bryan's plea for Government ownership of railroads will appeal strongly to the labor sentiment of the country, as well as other groups who believe in public ownership of utilities and transportation lines. At the same time, it was conceded that the Democrats were engaged in conferences with a group of Democratic leaders who gathered at his hotel at an early hour. Mr. Bryan was in an exceedingly good humor and received each group with outstretched hands.

Chagrined Display. Democratic leaders today were not at all backward in displaying their chagrin at the differences which developed between President Wilson's views and those of Mr. Bryan. They were hopeful, however, that in the conference today they would get definite assurance from Mr. Bryan that he would not lead a revolt in the campaign, and that he would not campaign against the views expressed by the President.

There was an unconfirmed report that leaders were working in an effort to convert Mr. Bryan to the President's views and that if this failed he might be asked to withdraw from active participation in the Presidential campaign.

President Wilson and Bryan are diametrically opposed in this situation. The President in his message to the Democratic party, read last night at the opening of the Jackson Day banquet in the Willard and Washington hotels here, said: "If there is any doubt as to what the people of the country think on this vital matter (ratification), the clearest and single way out is to submit it for determination at the next election."

In the face of this, and in the face of a resolution adopted by the Democratic party between President Woodrow Wilson and William Jennings Bryan, in his second speech early this morning, Mr. Bryan said: "I think the importance of article 10 has been very much magnified."

President Wilson's message failed to make much impression on Mr. Bryan. (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

#### TRADE BOARD CHARGES TRUMPED UP, HE SAYS

Federal Trade Commissioner Colver charged today before the Senate Agricultural Committee that former Secret Service men in Chicago had trumped up charges against former commission employees to make it appear that "red" activities could be found in the ranks of the commission.

### Just Like a Gathering of Neighbors Back Home, Mrs. Peter Oleson Writes



ONLY WOMAN ORATOR AT DINNER.

By MRS. PETER OLESON.  
(Written Exclusively for The Times.)

The first impression of a Democrat from the country was the immense enthusiasm displayed at the banquet. It was good to see the donkey, the emblem of the Democratic party, decked out so wondrously.

If the Republican party had achieved as much in any seven years as the Democratic party has since it came to power, it would dress the elephant in cloth of gold and parade the streets of America.

#### Good to Hear Ideals.

So it was good at this banquet to hear the achievements and ideals of the Democratic party so well expressed.

As women are only now becoming interested in politics, a woman might put it "How were the Democratic women received at the banquet by the men of the party?" The only answer can be that they were delightfully received, and all the women enjoyed the dinner and the

### See Bryan-Wilson Split As Favoring 'Dark Horse'

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS.  
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Party leaders here today are convinced that only the forlornest of forlorn hopes remains for the ratification of the treaty, and that the pact will become the paramount issue of the Presidential campaign.

#### Race for 'Dark Horse.'

This being the case, sober, non-partisan judgment, based upon first-hand knowledge of nationwide conditions, is that nothing can save the two old line parties from splitting over the issue, leaving the way more than ever open for "middle parties," independent candidates and last month candidates.

Only the next few days can definitely settle the question of just how serious is the clash in the Democratic party between President Woodrow Wilson and William Jennings Bryan. That there is a wide difference of opinion at the moment is not disputed. The President says, let the treaty go to the country as a campaign issue if the Republicans refuse to ratify the pact with reservations which merely interpret it. Bryan insists that the Democratic party cannot go to the people on such an issue. A difference of opinion, therefore, exists, and only a compromise in the Senate, between the

Churches Want League. Nevertheless, politicians of both big parties who have taken a swing around the country testing opinion, declare there are many people, both Democrats and Republicans, who want the league of nations. Churches are said to be almost unanimously in favor of it; also labor, women, and other factions in 1920 politics. If this appreciation of conditions is true, political forecasters here today claim, voting will not be strictly along party lines next fall, but will be according to whether the voters favor or oppose the treaty of Versailles with the covenant of the league of nations which it carries. Each of the two big parties will

#### WAN JURY OUT BUT HALF HOUR

Accused Faces Extreme Penalty For Death of Member of Oriental Mission.

#### BREAKS DOWN AT VERDICT

Cobs and Is Supported From Courtroom by Two Deputy Marshals.

Ziang Sung Wan was found guilty of first degree murder by the jury in Criminal Division No. 1, District Supreme Court, Justice Gould presiding, shortly after noon today. The jury was in deliberation exactly thirty minutes.

Was has been on trial for nearly a month on the indictment charging that he shot and killed Ben Sen Wu, a member of the Chinese educational mission, January last. The prosecution, while trying Wan for the slaying of Wu, has charged that the Chinese student also shot and killed Dr. Theodore T. Wong, director, and G. H. Hsieh, under secretary of the Chinese educational mission.

Forging Also Charged. One of the four counts in the indictment on which Wan was tried also charges that the Chinese student forged the name of Dr. Wong to a check for \$5,000, which an attempt was made to have cashed at the Riggs National Bank on January 30, the day after the three Chinese educators had been slain.

Wan at first received the verdict stoically, then broke down and sobbed and was led from the courtroom supported by two deputy United States marshals. His attorneys, James A. O'Shea and Charles Leahy, stated they would file a motion for a new trial in a few days.

The case went to the jury at 12:20 o'clock. In his closing statement, Mr. Laskey told the jury that if it did not believe Wan accompanied his brother, Tsong Ing Wan, to the Riggs National Bank to attempt to have cashed the \$5,000 check, bearing the forged signature of Dr. Theodore T. Wong, he did not desire a conviction.

Mr. Laskey declared the Government had established an indisputable case against Wan, and urged a verdict of first degree murder.

In summing up the Government's case against the defendant, Mr. Laskey told the jury that if it believed (Continued on Page 21, Column 4.)

### PRESIDENT ENJOYS WHITE HOUSE WALK

Bundled Warmly, He Strolls With Mrs. Wilson Outside of Executive Mansion.

President Wilson walked about the White House grounds today for the first time since he arrived home, September 28, from his transcontinental trip, which was the cause of his physical collapse.

Bundled warmly and wearing his heavy fur coat, the President strolled leisurely along the walks and paths south of the Executive Mansion and seemed thoroughly to enjoy the outing. He was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson.

Those close to the President say that all vestige of doubt about his return to health and physical strength have been swept away.

President Wilson was up unusually early this morning and read the newspapers. It is not too much to say that the attitude of William Jennings Bryan is no surprise to him and that he has had all along a rather correct line on the trend of political events.

#### BRIDE HELPS KILL BETRAVER

Pounds Victim With File in Lonely Wood as Husband Wields Club, Police Say.

#### BOTH ARRESTED FOR CRIME

Body Found Upon Information Furnished by Rochester Woman's Father.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 9.—An alleged murder of vengeance, in which the wronged person was an eighteen-year-old bride, was said by the police to have been cleared up today when James L. O'Dell, a former soldier, confessed that he and his young wife had beaten Edward J. Kneip to death in a lonely spot three miles from this city.

According to the police, O'Dell claimed his wife had been wronged by Kneip. O'Dell is twenty-one years old, the same age as the victim.

Left Alive Under Culvert. The crime is marked by some of the most amazing details ever called to the attention of the Rochester police. It is charged that Kneip was taken to the murder spot on Wednesday night, and after being beaten, his body was left lying under a culvert. Long afterward O'Dell returned to the scene and was surprised to find Kneip still alive.

Both O'Dell and his wife are under arrest. They have been grilled by the police, and, according to the authorities, the following story of the murder has been constructed: O'Dell, incensed by the story told him by his wife, went to the Gleason works, where Kneip was employed, in a taxicab on Wednesday night. Posing as a detective, O'Dell flashed a badge and told Kneip "he was wanted." Kneip was taken in the cab to a junction of the Scottsville and Mosquito Point roads, several miles southwest of Rochester and ordered out of the cab.

Wife at Scene of Crime. Whether Mrs. O'Dell accompanied the men in the cab is not plain, but at any rate she was at the spot. Kneip was led to the top of an embankment where O'Dell suddenly leaped upon him and overpowered him. Kneip was nearly helpless, as O'Dell had placed handcuffs upon his wrists.

The victim was then fastened to a tree and Mrs. O'Dell is alleged to have beaten him over the head and face with a heavy file until he was unconscious. As the body sagged in its fastenings as though lifeless, O'Dell and his wife unloaded it and the supposed corpse rolled down the embankment and slid beneath a culvert.

O'Dell threw some brush over the (Continued on Page 3, Column 8.)

#### LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR NEW IS ASKED

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 9.—Life imprisonment was asked today by the State for Harry S. New, alleged slayer of Frieda Leiser, when arguments were opened in his trial here. This caused considerable surprise, as all previous indications were that the prosecution would demand the death penalty.

If New is guilty and sane, the State's attorneys contended, he should be sentenced to spend the rest of his life in San Quentin penitentiary. If he is insane, as contended by the defense, he should be confined in any asylum, they stated.

### U. S. ENVOY WON'T ATTEND TREATY SIGNING

PARIS, Jan. 9.—American Ambassador Wallace announced today that he will not attend the signing of the German protocol or the exchange of ratifications of the peace treaty, scheduled for tomorrow afternoon. It is understood his announcement was made under instructions from Washington.

## PLAN MEANS LOW FARE AND IDEAL SERVICE, D.C. HEADS TELL CONGRESS

The District Commissioners today asked Congress to prepare a way for the merger of the Washington Railway and Electric Company and the Capital Traction Company, declaring that "ideal street car service cannot be furnished in the District until all the companies are brought under one head."

A bill which would make possible the consolidation of the companies was prepared by the Commissioners and presented to Carl E. Mapes, chairman of House Committee on District Needs, today. The Commissioners urge immediate legislation and included in their bill several other changes in the public utilities act.

It was hinted today that members of the Public Utilities Commission were of the belief that a merger of the companies would make it possible to have a lower street car fare in Washington. In a communication to Chairman Mapes the Commissioners spoke against the zone system of fare collection.

#### Five Points in Bill.

### ANOTHER ROUND-UP OF REDS IS PLANNED

Attorney General Pushing Bills For Punishing All Seditious.

A subpoena was issued today for Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, Bolshevik "ambassador" to the United States, to appear Monday morning before the Senate subcommittee appointed to investigate Russian propaganda.

Secret Service agents throughout the country today are in the midst of preliminary work for a third big roundup of radicals, it was learned at the Justice Department.

Directed by Attorney General Palmer, the agents are collecting evidence against the members of three national groups of "reds."

Other departments of the Government are co-operating. Conferences are being held with Secret Service agents of the Postoffice and Treasury departments. Immigration authorities under Commissioner Caminetti of the Labor Department are ready to assist Palmer when their aid is needed.

The names of the three groups under investigation naturally are being withheld, lest their officers and members become warned to destroy incriminating evidence. Their avowed aims, however, are fully as antagonistic to law and order as the Communist and the Communist labor parties, and the Union of Russian Workers.

#### MEXICO PAYS TRIBUTE TO JAPANESE SAILORS

Officers and Crew of Cruiser Yakumo Feted by Carranza Followers.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 9.—Mexico City last night was the scene of a demonstration in honor of the officers and crew of the Japanese cruiser Yakumo, who were concluding a week's stay here.

Five points in the Commissioners' bill which tends to better street car service in the District are:

A merger of the street railway companies.

A change in the form of taxation of street railway companies from one based on gross receipts to one based on operation income.

Creation of a contingent fund to be made up of taxes paid by the railway companies. This contingent fund to be used from time to time at the direction of the Public Utilities Commission to lay additional tracks or for any purpose tending to improve car service.

To relieve the street railway companies of the burden now imposed upon them of paying the entire cost of maintaining street railway crossing policemen.

To permit public utilities in the District to finance needed extensions by the issue of additional stocks.

The bill will also make it possible for the consolidation of the Washington Gas Light Company and the Georgetown Gas Light Company.

The portion of the bill relating to the merger is the most important legislation asked by the Commissioners.

The communication to Chairman Mapes explains the advantages in detail of a consolidation of the two street railway companies, and cites the various petitions presented by the companies for higher street car fare.

"The Commissioners are firmly of the opinion that ideal street car service cannot be furnished in the District until all the companies are brought under one head," says the letter of the Commissioners, "either through single ownership or through single operation. To make this possible the bill authorizes a merger of the street railway companies on the basis of the valuations found by the Public Utilities Commission under the law creating that commission. This legislation will also provide for the consolidation of the two gas companies. These companies are now practically in common ownership, but are handicapped by the requirement of law that each maintain a separate corporation existence."

Will Improve Service. The Commissioners are anxious that a fund be created, to be made up from the taxes derived from the two railway companies, to be used by the Public Utilities Commission to improve service by spending the money on new tracks or to make loans to the railway companies. In asking for the establishment of this fund the commissioners also request a change in the form of taxation.

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